

D1 the cannula having a sharp tissue penetrating distal end;

a spring element received entirely within the cannula, the spring element having a leaf spring for retaining the implant inside the cannula, the leaf spring applying a frictional force against the implant sufficient to prevent the implant from sliding out of the cannula under a weight of the implant, wherein the leaf spring is formed as a T-shaped cut out portion; and

an obturator for delivering the implant from the cannula into the animal.

Please add new Claims 26 and 27 as follows:

D2 26. (New) The trocar according to claim 4, wherein the obturator has a tapered distal end to prevent ejection of the spring element from the cannula when the obturator is moved distally to eject the implant from the cannula.

27. (New) The trocar according to claim 4, wherein the spring element is fixed within the cannula.